

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 10-11 and 13 have been amended. Claim 12 has been cancelled. No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing claim amendments are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 10 and 11 are rejected.

Claims 12 and 13 are objected to but are indicated at page 3 of the Action to be allowable if rewritten to independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 10, 11 and 13 are pending and under consideration.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

The limitations of claim 12 constituting allowable subject, in accordance with the Action at page 3, are incorporated into claim 10, rendering same allowable.

Claim 11 depends from allowable claim 10 and, accordingly, likewise is allowable.

Claim 13 depends from allowable claim 10 and, accordingly, is likewise allowable.

AT PAGE 2 OF THE ACTION: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 10 AND 11 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER LEBAN (U.S. PATENT 7,049,024) IN VIEW OF INSTANT SPECIFICATION [0005]

The rejection is moot in accordance with the foregoing amendments to the claims and, accordingly, the rejection is respectfully traversed, as moot.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing has clearly distinguished the pending claims over the references and rejections of record. Further, all outstanding objections have been overcome by the foregoing. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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